GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
DEFENCE
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MANUFACTURING OF LANDMINES
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Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) the number of projects sanctioned for manufacturing landmines by the Government during the last 20 years along with the details of amount spent on them so far;

(b) whether in spite of heavy amount spent on setting up of landmine manufacturing units, the army is depending on obsolete landmines; and

(c) if so, the reasons therefor?

Answer

MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI GEORGE FERNANDES)

(a) During the last twenty years only one project at an estimated cost of Rs. 25 crores has been sanctioned to produce Bar Mines. This was done as part of the bigger project to set up an Ordnance Factory at Bolangir. The project has been completed.

(b) No obsolete mines are being put to operational use by the Army.

(c) Does not arise in view of (b) above.